

# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

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## ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ

THE Executive Committee begs to call the attention of the societies having a membership in the National Association to the following points: Names of delegates to the seventh annual convention should be sent in as early as possible. Societies are entitled to one delegate with one vote for each fifty members.

There will be a reduced railway rate arranged for, and in order to facilitate this, if the names of delegates and others who are contemplating attending the convention were to be sent in promptly, much unnecessary work would be saved.

Societies are asked to consider the feasibility of sending delegates to the International Congress in Berlin to be held on June 13, and to send to the secretary of the National Association, 120 East Thirty-first Street, New York, these names, together with the names of the delegates to the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Nurses wishing the pin of the National Council of Women may obtain it by writing to the national secretary. This pin all nurses who are members of the Associated Alumnae are entitled to possess, since through the American Federation of Nurses we are members of the National Council of Women.

The convention will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 11, 12, and 13, and a programme in detail will be given next month.

MARY E. THORNTON, Secretary.

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## ELIGIBLE LIST OF VOLUNTEER NURSES

THE Surgeon-General has deemed it advisable to open in his office what shall be known as the "Eligible List of Volunteer Nurses." The names of acceptable graduate nurses who are willing to serve in time of war or national emergency will constitute this list, and the requirements for enrollment shall be as follows:

Applicants must have graduated from a training-school for nurses which gives a thorough professional education, both theoretical and practical, and which requires at least a two-years' residence in an acceptable general hospital of not less than fifty beds. Graduates from special hospitals, from insane asylums, or private sanatoria will not be considered unless their training has been supplemented by not less than six months in a large general hospital.

Application for enrollment must be made to the Surgeon-General, and before being accepted the applicant must submit the following:

1. A statement of her physical condition filled out in her own handwriting and sworn to before a notary public.
2. A certificate of her health from at least one reputable physician personally acquainted with the applicant.
3. The name of the school and the date of her graduation.
4. A certificate concerning the moral, physical, and professional qualifications of the applicant as shown by the records of the hospital will be furnished by the superintendent of the training-school from which the applicant graduated. If she was trained under a former superintendent of nurses, her endorsement is also desirable.

Blanks for these purposes will be furnished by the Surgeon-General.

Approved candidates will be placed on the eligible list for appointment in event of war or national calamity.

Each nurse must agree to enter active service as she may be needed in time of war or national calamity. On the first of January and the first of July of every year she shall report by letter to the Surgeon-General, giving her address and enclosing a certificate from some reputable physician showing the condition of her health at that time.

When called into active service these nurses will be subject to all established rules and regulations and will receive the pay and allowances of nurses of the Army Nurse Corps, as set forth in General Orders No. 54, War Department, November 16, 1903.

DITA H. KINNEY,

Superintendent Army Nurse Corps.

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#### REPORT OF HOSPITAL ECONOMICS COURSE FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY, 1903-4

*To Miss Banfield, Chairman.*

Our large class of experienced women is most gratifying, and is a sign of the growth and development which we have cherished since the work first started. There is no doubt that the nurses of the West are wide awake to the full interests of this movement. We could not ask for better encouragement than to have more just such women register for next year's class. The new circular for 1904-1905 will soon be out, and the secretary of Teachers College will be pleased to send copies on application.

Another significant feature is the interest shown by the contributions from alumnae associations. In December the Associated Alumnae of the House of the Good Shepherd of Syracuse contributed ten dollars to the course, with many regrets that they were unable to give as liberally as they desired. In January the Brooklyn Homeopathic Alumnae Association contributed nineteen dollars to the endowment fund. This is the fourth association to substantially express its good wishes since last October. May this contagion spread to the innumerable associations throughout the country. A little help from each would place the course on a proper basis, not only from our standpoint, but that of the college as well.

The present class has a splendid standing throughout the college departments. I am daily cheered by complimentary speeches made by their fellow-

students and instructors. What we need is the financial backing, that the course may do for them what they are doing for the course.

The serious illness of Dr. Wood has taken him from the college this year. Several doctors who are specialists in various lines of work have volunteered their assistance in completing the work for the second half year. Dr. Bigelow and Dr. Thorndike, of the college faculty, will lecture also. Dr. McMurray and Miss Kinne have kindly offered their aid in "Methods of Teaching" with special reference to nursing subjects.

The excursions since the last report, as mentioned in the reports by the students, have been to the Walker-Gordon Laboratory, Nurses' Settlement, and Post-Graduate Hospital.

Miss Banfield lectured to the class in December, and Miss Goodrich gave two of her lectures in January.

Mid-year examinations began January 20 and occupied two-weeks' time. So far as the reports are in, the students rank well with those of other departments.

Invitations have been received as follows: Fiftieth anniversary of the New York Infirmary; commencement exercises of Bellevue Hospital; lecture on India at St. Luke's Hospital.

A. L. ALLINE.

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#### DIRECTORS' MEETING

AT a meeting of the directors of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING Company, held in New York on January 22, Miss Isabel McIsaac, of Chicago, was elected president; Miss M. M. Riddle, of Boston, treasurer, and Miss A. D. Van Kirk, of New York, secretary.

A. D. VAN KIRK, Secretary.

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#### CONTAGIOUS AND SCHOOL WORK IN NEW YORK

A VERY important branch of nursing is that of the "contagious nurses" in New York, and one that should be highly commended.

The staff is small, only four at present being in the field, but a great amount of work is accomplished. One nurse takes the diphtheria cases, and while it may seem almost impossible for one to look after all the needy patients suffering from this disease, still, if we consider that with the use of antitoxin very much less nursing is required, she can manage very well.

Two nurses devote their time to scarlet fever and are kept busy. Many complications are found, and the disease is long-drawn-out on account of the desquamation. A short time ago a girl nine years of age was found working on fancy braid that was being prepared for sale, and after being warned not to do so still persisted. The child was removed to the hospital at once until the "peeling" had stopped, and the house fumigated. This shows how watchful the nurses must be and how numbers of people, maybe many miles distant, are protected from contagion by their efforts.

The fourth nurse looks after those suffering with measles, and all precautions are taken, but the patients are never so ill as with scarlet fever.

The nurses at present engaged in the work are Mrs. M. J. Peltier, Miss Edith Abrams, Mrs. J. R. Dunn, Miss Susan McCusker. Until recently Miss McNamara and Miss M. Anderson were on the staff, but they resigned and the last two named have taken their places.

The Department of Health provides this essential service for the sick poor

of the city and will increase it as the needs arise. This branch of service comes under the same supervision as the school work.

The school nursing continues to increase both in staff and area. A nurse has been placed permanently on Staten Island; one has been assigned to the Bronx and one in Long Island City, Borough of Queens. It was thought by some that the new administration would not be as much in favor of the work as was previously shown, but Dr. Darlington, our new Commissioner, is much interested and has shown his effort to continue its success by adding six more nurses. Those appointed recently are Miss Margaret Butler, Post-Graduate Hospital, Class of 1898; Miss Dora Breugel, St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, Class of 1892; Miss Anna Murphy, Post-Graduate Hospital, Class of 1893; Miss Jeannette McMillan, New York City Training-School, Class of 1893; Miss Lilian Lovering, Post-Graduate Hospital, Class of 1901; Miss Estelle Mease, Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, Class of 1894.

The appropriation this year is forty-seven thousand dollars, an increase of seventeen thousand dollars over last year.

The number of schools now covered is one hundred and fifty. Some among these are parochial and industrial schools.

Communications are constantly being received from the principals and from the local School Boards asking to have nurses sent to their schools. One quite recently came from the secretary of the Board of Education.

LINA L. ROGERS.

#### SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

CAN any reader of the JOURNAL supply the present address of any of the following list of nurses?

Miss Bates, now Mrs. J. H. Hickson; Miss Annie H. Beaton, Miss Wilhelmina Bohnert, Mrs. Clara H. Borron, Miss Lily Brand, married, name unknown; Miss Elizabeth Champ, Miss Emma F. Cooper, Miss Annie Cosgrove, Miss Nella Crist, Miss Mary A. Curley, now Mrs. Robert Stewart; Miss Mary C. Daly, Miss Julia J. Deeley, now Mrs. Robert Patterson; Miss Frances Denner, M.D., Miss Eunice C. Earle, Mrs. Sarah Ennies, now Mrs. Brooks; Miss Amy Farquharson, Miss Minnie Huff, Miss Elizabeth Hunter, Miss Julia M. Gleason, Miss Myrtle A. King, Miss Helen M. Lathrop, Mrs. Catherine Mills, formerly Miss Graham; Miss Jennie M. Graham, now Mrs. Weddle; Miss Anna H. Gray, Miss Maud Guthrie, now Mrs. Kerr; Miss Mary D. Hill, Miss Amy E. Holmes, Miss Matilda L. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth A. Kell, now Mrs. P. Carroll; Miss Mabel I. Lake, Miss Grace Lansingh, now Mrs. T. S. Wiles; Miss Florence Linton, Mrs. McCaughey, Miss Anna M. McCleary, Miss Alice McDonald, Miss K. L. McDonnell, Miss Alicia Mackenzie, Miss Janie McNeill, Mrs. E. Markey, Miss Florence E. Marrigat, now Mrs. Petar; Miss Anna F. Casey, now Mrs. A. C. Murphy; Miss Catherine T. Mathewson, Miss K. Monaghan, now Mrs. —; Miss Florence M. Morris, Miss Eva Adele Penn, Miss Mary A. Powell, Miss Lady Elizabeth Proctor, Miss Freida Rexroth, Miss Emma Reiger, now Mrs. Lane; Miss Alberta E. Ridley, Miss Hannah Rundquist, Miss Edith Saunders, Miss Elizabeth R. Salsbury, Miss Anna D. Schultze, now Mrs. —; Miss Lueretia L. Smart, Miss Emma F. Smith, Miss Florence A. Stickley, Miss Susie S. Summers, Miss Mary D. Taleott.

Any address supplied and forwarded will be gratefully received by

MISS R. JACKSON, Secretary,  
Overbrook, Pa.

# THE EUROPEAN TRIP

THE conductors of the touring party will be glad to help any nurse who is going only to Berlin and back in any way they can—purchasing tickets or giving addresses of hotels or pensions in Berlin, etc. The conductors reserve the right to make such change as the exigencies of travel may necessitate in the proposed itinerary, which is somewhat longer than the first outline as given a month ago.

It has been exceedingly difficult to arrange the tour in view of the many things that had to be considered: the convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States to be held in May in Philadelphia, the date of the International Congress in Berlin set for June 13, the dates for sailing as arranged by steamship lines, and then the arranging for the Western representatives so that they should lose no time en route nor be under the necessity of sending two sets of delegates.

Owing to the demand for passage at the season set for our sailing, only a limited number may be registered for the party. Therefore, to secure accommodation and prevent disappointment, it is absolutely necessary that application should be made at once. A deposit of twenty-five dollars must accompany the application in order to secure the steamer passage; berths will be allotted strictly according to priority of application.

A complete itinerary will be sent each applicant with instructions as to her baggage, advice as to clothing, etc.

As the Mediterranean steamers are taken off at a time earlier than that set for the departure of the party, England will be visited first, and will include, besides London, a pilgrimage to Warwick Castle, to Kenilworth, and to Oxford. Leaving London, a short sojourn will be made in Holland,—Amsterdam and the Hague,—with an excursion to the famous seaside resort, Scheveningen, taking Cologne and the Rhine en route for Berlin, arriving in time for the congress, June 13. The week of the congress will be spent in Berlin, and during the interim the principal attractions of the city will be visited.

At the close of the conference the party will go to Dresden, stopping on the way at Eisenach, the birthplace of Luther, to visit the celebrated castle of the Wartburg in the forest of Thuringia; from Dresden, passing through the Austrian Tyrol to Northern Italy: Venice, Florence, Milan, and the Italian Lakes; returning through the famous St. Gotthard route to Switzerland, stopping at Lucerne and Interlaken; then on to the fascinating city of Paris.

The sight-seeing will be under the direction of an accomplished lady who has had large experience in foreign life and travel. The method pursued will be rather different from that ordinarily in vogue among touring parties. No lectures or descriptions will be given in museum or gallery; it is proposed to give such evening lectures in the hotel parlors on the places to be visited the following day. Every member of the party should be provided with a convenient note-book, and use that for reference during the day. It is hoped in this way to conserve the tourists' time and direct attention to only that which is of value. Of course, all is interesting, but when one has only a limited time and purse "what not to see" is very important.

The editor of the *Easy Chair*, in commenting on the people who left Europe unvisited because they could not give all the time to it they would like, goes on to say that he always said to such people, go, if they could only be gone a

month. A day in Rome or London or Paris was a treasure such as a lifetime at home could not lay up; an hour of Venice or Florence was precious; a moment of Milan or Verona, of Sienna or Mantua, was beyond price.

#### JAPANESE WAR

[DR. MCGEE has issued a lengthy report to the Spanish-American War Nurses in the form of a circular letter to be mailed to each member of the society. We are unable to give the amount of space that a full publication would require, quoting only that portion of the circular that deals with the Japanese War.—ED.]

Last autumn, when war between Russia and Japan seemed approaching, I took unofficial, and then formal, steps towards the participation of our society in the work of that war. The principal step was sending the following letter to his Excellency the Minister from Japan to this country:

"October 29, 1903.

*"To his Excellency the Minister from Japan, Washington, D. C.*

"SIR: Through your Excellency, I have the honor to offer to your government, if war should be declared, the services of a party of American ex-army nurses to assist in nursing the sick and wounded of the Japanese army. The party would consist exclusively of women who have graduated from our well-equipped training-schools for nurses requiring two or three years' residence and work in a hospital and who have also had large experience in their profession since graduation. A part of their experience was gained by regular service in the army of the United States during the Spanish War and the Philippine and Chinese campaigns, so that they are familiar with camp life and accustomed to army discipline.

"Approximately two thousand were appointed to our army during the years when the Nurse Corps was in my charge (under immediate direction of Surgeon-General Sternberg), and six hundred of those who served in 1898 belong to the association of 'Spanish-American War Nurses,' which was organized over three years ago and of which I have the honor to be president. The number to constitute the proposed party will, of course, depend on your wishes and on the amount of contributions to be received from the American people. Each nurse would be pledged to remain at least six months, if needed so long. I take the liberty of suggesting that I could start almost immediately after a declaration of war, taking with me a few nurses with the highest degree of surgical skill, and that additional nurses could be cabled for if the need arose.

"I presume you would desire to furnish quarters and rations from the time of arrival in Japan.

"With the earnest hope that this expression of friendship from the people of the United States will meet with the approval and sanction of your government, I have the honor to be, with high consideration,

"Your obedient servant,

(Signed) "ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE,

"(1898-1900, Acting Assistant Surgeon of the U. S. Army,  
in charge Army Nurse Corps)."

The Minister replied that he felt "deeply impressed by your offer to my government of the services of the American ex-army nurses now belonging to the association under your presidency, in case they should be needed for the Japanese army." . . . "Undoubtedly my government will highly appreciate the generous

motives which animate you and the worthy ladies associated with you in making this offer." After expressing his opinion that peace would be preserved, he concludes as follows: "At the same time, I can assure you that the friendship and sympathy on the part of the American ladies who devote their efforts to the noble object of your association of which your letter is so graceful an evidence will be widely and cordially recognized in Japan, and to that end I shall take pleasure in communicating it to my government at the earliest opportunity."

On December 4 these letters were given to the newspapers by the Japanese Minister and widely published with his comment that "among the evidences of American good-will so abundantly shown to his country, none would awaken deeper gratitude or more sincere admiration in Japan than the offer of Dr. McGee."

The New York *Herald* cabled the letters to its foreign correspondents and cabled a reply message from Japanese ladies living in London and meeting at the Japanese legation. In this message, which is signed by the wife of the Minister and the wife of Sir Edwin Arnold (who is Japanese), they refer to their "inexpressible joy and gratitude" and say they "desire to offer those ladies by the present message a tribute of sisterly affection and thanks for such a deed of womanly sympathy. They consider that by this example East and West have embraced, and that the girdle of humanity has been clasped in good-will and amity around the whole globe."

My letter was also published in the principal papers in Japan, and a cable to American papers from Tokio said it "has produced an excellent impression, and is warmly appreciated as a mark of the traditional American friendship for Japan."

In later interviews with the Japanese Minister he explained to me that it was not possible for his government to send a definite reply until the question of peace or war was settled, and in view of the great uncertainty the issue of notice of the matter was postponed and only the Executive Committee conferred with.

On February 11 the official declaration of war was received and the Minister at once cabled to Tokio for instructions as to whether or not we can go. He tells me that a reply can be expected in a few days, but this communication must be sent to press without waiting even that long.

Our offer may be definitely declined; but if it is accepted, preparations will be hastened and a party will sail for Japan at the earliest moment. Before this magazine is issued the newspapers will have reported later news.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE.

On February 16 Dr. McGee telephoned the editor that a telegram had been received accepting the offer of the services of the Spanish-American War Nurses.

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#### REGULAR MEETINGS

##### THE NURSES OF OHIO FORM A STATE ORGANIZATION

THE call sent out by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cincinnati on December 7 met with a hearty response, and on Wednesday, January 27, the meeting was called to order in the library of the City Hospital. Miss Mary Hamer Greenwood, superintendent of the Jewish Hospital, presided. After a brief setting forth of the object of the meeting, Miss Greenwood introduced the first speaker, Miss Annie Laws, president of the International Kindergarten Union. Miss Laws organized the first training-school for nurses in Ohio, and has done more than

any one individual in the State for the interest of the nursing profession. She welcomed the nurses cordially and assured them of her hearty interest and support.

Much regret was expressed that Miss Sophia F. Palmer was not able to be present.

The second speaker was Dr. C. A. L. Reed, chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the American Medical Association. Dr. Reed, from his wide experience in medical organization and legislation, congratulated the nurses upon their endeavor to secure State registration and promised them every assistance in his power.

After an informal discussion it was moved and seconded that a State association be formed.

Committees on Constitution and By-Laws, on Legislation, and a Nominating Committee were appointed to report at an adjourned meeting on Thursday at two P.M., January 28.

On Thursday the meeting was called to order and the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws accepted, and with some minor changes adopted.

The Committee on Legislation read as their report a draft of the bill to be presented to the Ohio State Legislature.

The Nominating Committee reported the following ticket, which was unanimously adopted:

President, Miss Mary Hamer Greenwood, superintendent Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati.

First vice-president, Miss Ella Phillips Crandall, superintendent Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton.

Second vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Allen, president Alumnae Association, Presbyterian General Hospital, Columbus, O.

Third vice-president, Miss Olive Fisher, superintendent of Training-School, City Hospital, Cincinnati, O.

Fourth vice-president, Miss Wright, delegate from Graduate Nurses' Association, Cleveland.

Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartsock, superintendent Presbyterian Hospital, Cincinnati.

Treasurer, Miss Doe, delegate Graduate Nurses' Association, Columbus.

These officers constitute the Board of Directors and are later to elect two more vice-presidents.

It is expected that the vice-president will endeavor to organize county associations of nurses as soon as possible.

Great interest was manifested in the meetings, and there was a large attendance of nurses from different parts of the State at both sessions.

On the morning of Thursday a trolley-ride through the suburbs followed by a luncheon at the Grand Hotel was given by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cincinnati to the visiting delegates.

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ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was held on January 20, at three P.M., at the home of Mrs. Walter Dodge, 32 Cleveland Street. In the absence of the president, Miss Anderson, the meeting was opened by the first vice-president, Miss Houlden. The report of the annual meeting was read by the secretary, and in the absence of the treasurer the secretary read her report also; both were accepted. It



was announced that three new members had been proposed and accepted. Miss Riddle, the president of the Associated Alumnae, was invited by the president of the alumnae to be present at one of the meetings. In a note regretting her inability to accept the invitation Miss Riddle made some valuable suggestions for advancing the interests of the alumnae and for securing new members. The delayed report of the Boston Convention was given, and it is hoped more of the Orange nurses will be present at the Philadelphia convention. A very able and interesting talk on "What is Nervous Prostration?" was given by Dr. Dodge, for which a vote of thanks was accorded him by the association. The announcement of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stratton, of Sullivan, Ind., interested their many friends in the alumnae. The meeting was adjourned, and the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Dodge enjoyed for a social hour.

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NEW YORK.—The Alumnae Association of the New York Hospital held a special meeting on Monday, January 25, to take final action regarding arrangements for a new club-house, more commodious quarters being necessary. It was decided to lease for a term of five years the apartment house Nos. 8 and 10 West Ninety-second Street. There are twelve apartments of seven rooms each, which will accommodate over a hundred members. The club will move from its present quarters, 52 and 54 East Forty-ninth Street, the 1st of May. The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, February 10. It was voted that the alumnae join the New York County Association. Misses Duncan, Twitchell, Henderson, Frederick, and MacDairmid were appointed delegates to attend the first meeting, to be held in March; Misses Twitchell, Duncan, and Frederick were reappointed delegates to the meeting of the State association to be held in Albany in April. Misses Samuel and Duncan were appointed delegates to Associated Alumnae, which will convene at Philadelphia in May. It was also voted to increase the annual dues and initiation fees of the association. The meeting was full of interest and much business was transacted, after which it adjourned for the social hour and refreshments.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnae of the Training-School of the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia held a meeting in the Nurses' Home, February 2, 1904, at three-thirty P.M. Miss Rebecca Jackson, acting chairman, called the meeting to order. The attendance was fairly good. Routine reports were presented and business transacted. A letter was read from Miss E. Hanson, chief nurse of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa. Miss Ada Payne, superintendent, explained the object of the Pennsylvania State Graduate Nurses' Association. Dr. Mary E. Esser was welcomed and congratulated on her recovery from diphtheria. Miss Emily Allen is ill with rheumatic fever in the Nurses' Beneficial Association room in the hospital. On October 1, 1903, a reception was given to the new superintendent, Miss Ada Payne, and the departing superintendent, Miss Mary S. Littlefield. The pupil nurses presented to Miss Littlefield a beautiful brooch, and a bouquet of American Beauty roses to Miss Payne. The alumnae presented Miss Littlefield with a handsome travelling-bag, having silver fittings, and with a steamer-trunk. The next meeting will be held in the Parish-House, Twelfth and Walnut Streets, March 1, at three P.M.

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NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of Mt. Sinai Hospital was held at 149 East Sixty-seventh Street on January 7, 1904, the president, Miss Hartman, in the chair. The four delegates appointed to represent

the association and act in its behalf at the various meetings of the New York County Nurses' Association were Miss F. Hartman, Miss E. Atwater, Miss J. Campbell, and Miss B. Kreur. The following officers and directors were elected for the year 1904: President, Miss F. Hartman; vice-president, Miss E. Atwater; corresponding secretary, Miss B. Kreur; recording secretary, Miss H. Gillner; treasurer, Miss S. Shilladay; directors—Miss E. Malloy, Miss J. P. Friedman, Miss J. Campbell, Miss J. Ryerson, Miss B. Cohen, and investigating physician, Dr. Max Rosenberg. At the regular meeting held on February 4, Miss Atwater in the chair, the association ratified the action taken by the delegates in regard to joining the county association. Miss Hartman was elected delegate to go to the annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

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READING, PA.—A regular meeting of the Berks County Association of Graduate Nurses was held at the Homeopathic Hospital, Reading, Pa., on Tuesday, January 26, at two P.M., the president in the chair. Thirteen members responded to the roll-call. After the reading of the minutes came the discussion of the change in the by-laws. It was decided to change the number of a quorum from ten to seven. A vote of thanks was given Miss Worley for type-writing the constitution and by-laws. A full report of the State meeting held at Harrisburg, Pa., was read by Miss Scholl, who served as delegate. The report was given in such glowing terms that those who had been unable to attend that event felt that they had denied themselves a very great pleasure. A vote of thanks was tendered the supervising nurse of the hospital for the hospitality shown the graduates. The afternoon closed with refreshments.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 2, in the lecture-room of the hospital with nine members present. The committee having the theatre benefit in charge handed to the treasurer one hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents, and after giving a satisfactory report of their work were discharged with a vote of thanks. This amount towards our endowment fund was especially gratifying, as not more than a dozen nurses sold tickets, but a number of our distant members have sent generous donations and the fund is growing. Five of our members have joined the Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania and two attended the convention of the State society in Harrisburg.

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CLEVELAND, O.—The Graduate Nurses' Association gave a very successful "At Home" on January 26, the object being to introduce to the nurses of Cleveland Mrs. G. A. Smith, who will manage the central registry for nurses, which has at last become an established fact. The Hollenden Assembly Rooms, which were tastefully decorated, were used for the occasion. Tea was served and a very pleasant time enjoyed by about one hundred nurses who were able to be present. The Receiving Committee was composed of the officers of the association, Miss V. V. Lewis, president; Mrs. Hunter Robb, Miss Evelyn Wood, Miss Fanny Wright, Miss Lauder Sutherland, and Miss Elizabeth Hirschberg.

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NEW YORK CITY.—The New York City Training-School Alumnae Association held its monthly meeting at the Academy of Medicine on Tuesday, February 9,

the president, Miss Amanda Silver, in the chair. A report by Miss Josephine Foote, chairman of the Committee on Sickness, was that Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. Clark, and Miss Sheldon were convalescent. All were pleased that Mrs. David Ingersoll was able to attend again; also to see Miss Elizabeth B. Irwin and a number of nurses who are not often able to be present. Joseph B. Cooke, M.D., gave a most interesting talk on obstetrics. A pleasant half-hour was enjoyed over the refreshments, which were provided by Mrs. F. Hunt and Miss Greener.

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NEW YORK.—The annual business meeting of the Bellevue Alumnae was held at 426 East Twenty-sixth Street, on January 21. Reports from various committees were read, after which Miss Hopkins, delegate to the county society, gave a report of its meeting on January 18. The important business of the day was the election of officers, and the following were elected to serve in 1904: President, Miss Mary Markham; first vice-president, Miss Jane A. Delano; second vice-president and assistant secretary, Miss Cora Warren; secretary, Miss Emma Snyder; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Bohling. The attendance was larger than usual, the importance of the meeting being appreciated.

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NEW YORK.—Owing to the great amount of sickness very few members were able to attend the January meeting of Camp Roosevelt. Consequently it was decided to postpone business until the next meeting, which will be held at the club-rooms, 155 East Eighty-third Street, New York City, March 7, at three-thirty P.M. A large attendance is most earnestly requested, as the election of officers will take place. The February social meeting was a decided success. Captain S. F. Saunders, who was ill at the time, we are pleased to state has fully recovered. Lieutenant Florence Kelly has gone abroad. All the members wish her "bon voyage."

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BROOKLYN.—The regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Long Island College Hospital was held on Tuesday, February 9, the president, Miss Anna Davids, in the chair. Eighteen new members were proposed, and satisfactory reports read from the various committees. A few evenings previously a very successful euchre party was given at the home of Miss Charlotte Arnold, one of the directors of the association, for the benefit of the register fund, after which a very pleasant half-hour was spent in a social manner, during which a supply of cake and coffee was very liberally dispensed.

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BROOKLYN.—The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae was held at the Training-School on Tuesday, February 2, and was very well attended. Two new names were added to the membership. The chief feature of the meeting was the election of officers for the coming year, as follows: President, Miss Elizabeth Dewey; first vice-president, Miss Beatrice Monteith; second vice-president, Miss Grace Cameron; recording secretary, Miss Emily Jones; corresponding secretary, Miss Bessie Cowling, 301 Lafayette Avenue; treasurer, Miss Mary Exton Holt.

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WASHINGTON.—A meeting of graduate nurses was called in November for the purpose of organizing, having in mind the framing of a bill for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia. About one hundred and fifty

nurses responded. The outcome of this meeting is the Graduate Nurses' Association. Several meetings have been held, which were well attended and great interest shown in regard to registration. January 28 a bill for the registration of nurses was introduced in Congress.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnae of the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, met on February 10, 1904, at the residence of one of the members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrections made, after which the officers were appointed for 1904. Some new members were admitted and several names proposed for membership. Letters were read from nurses regretting their inability to be present and thanking Miss Whiteley for her kind invitation.

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CHICAGO.—The January meeting of the Illinois Training-School Alumnae Association was one of interest and instruction. After transaction of considerable business, papers on "Indiana" were read. At the February meeting "Wisconsin" was the topic. At each meeting the subjects were discussed from a literary, commercial, and historical standpoint. The entertainment for the association this winter is furnished entirely by their own members.

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BOSTON.—At the meeting of the Alumnae of the New England Hospital, held February 13, a committee of three was appointed to nominate delegates for the coming convention. Mrs. Mary C. Hall was elected delegate. One new member was initiated, Miss McMahon. A vote of thanks was extended Dr. Kellar for the very interesting talk on her travels in the Mediterranean and Orient, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by her hearers.

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TORONTO, ONT.—The Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School held its regular monthly meeting at the Nurses' Residence on January 12. The subject discussed was "Modern Treatment of Tuberculosis," by Dr. Irving, late of Gravenhurst Sanitarium. There was a large attendance, and Dr. Irving gave many practical hints which were helpful to nurses engaged in private work.

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BROOKLYN.—A social meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital was held February 3 at the residence of Dr. Mary White. The nurses listened with a great deal of interest to a talk on Africa by Dr. Snyder. Miss Greenidge favored them with music, after which a social time was spent. Cake and cocoa were served.

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WEST VIRGINIA.—A meeting of graduate nurses of Cabell County, W. Va., was held in Huntington on Thursday, February 11, for the purpose of organizing a county association. Quite a large number were present. Through the courtesy of Miss Gaule the meeting was held in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's Hospital at Huntington.

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ROCHESTER.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association was held at the hospital on February 2, 1904. There was a good attendance and many important subjects were discussed.

## BIRTHS

ON September 11, at St. Thomas, Pa., to Mr. and Mrs. Julius E. Kempter, a son. Mrs. Kempter was Miss Grace Guyton, of Baltimore, Md., graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1899.

ON November 12, in Baltimore, Md., to Dr. and Mrs. Guy L. Hunner, a daughter. Mrs. Hunner was Miss Isabel Stevens, of Baltimore, graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1900.

## MARRIED

AT Toronto, Ont., December 3, 1903, Elena M. M. Eyre, graduate of the Toronto General Hospital, Class of 1900, to Rev. Campbell Hamilton Monro, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Monro are engaged in medical missionary work among the Galicians of Ethelbert and surrounding districts, Manitoba, Can.

AT Philadelphia, January 20, 1904, Miss Frances A. Jahn to Mr. Houston H. Milligan. Mrs. Milligan is a graduate of the Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital, Class of 1898. Mr. Milligan is a member of the Philadelphia Bar. They are residing in apartments at Colonnade Hotel.

ON October 28, at Montclair, N. J., Miss Florence Elizabeth Tuthill to Mr. John Rodman Coxe Boyer, of Memphis, Tenn. Miss Tuthill is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1902, and since her graduation has held a hospital position in New York City.

ON November 26, at Ammia, N. Y., Miss Alice Page Merwin to Mr. Walter Hull Birdseye, of Oklahoma City, O. T. Miss Merwin is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1899, and since her graduation has been engaged in private nursing.

ON February 4, 1904, at her home, 6 Cobb Street, Rochester, N. Y., Miss Ruth A. Bailey, of the Class of 1894, Rochester Homœopathic Training-School for Nurses, to Mr. Herman H. Van Voorhis. Mr. and Mrs. Van Voorhis will reside in Pittsford, N. Y.

AT Glasgow, Scotland, October 26, 1903, Miss E. D. McCulloch, graduate of the New York Hospital, Class of 1898, to Mr. Peter Roughead. Mr. and Mrs. Roughead are residing at 8 Holmes Road, Langside, Glasgow, Scotland.

AT York, Pa., January 19, Miss Margaret Collins, graduate of the New York Hospital, to Mr. William A. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will reside at 314 East King Street, York, Pa.

## OBITUARY

MISS MARY E. MIERLEY, a graduate of the Reading Hospital of the Class of 1891, died at the above hospital on January 15, after a short illness, of appendicitis. Cheerful and conscientious, her death, which was entirely unexpected, left many to grieve for a kind friend, a faithful nurse, and a loving daughter and sister. She served three years as supervising nurse at the General Hospital, Pottstown, Pa.

"WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from among us one of our most esteemed and worthy sister nurses, Mary E. Mierley.

"WHEREAS, The long and intimate relation held with her in the faithful discharge of her duties in her profession makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Berks County Association of Graduate Nurses, also Reading Hospital Alumnae, deeply regret the death of our friend and faithful worker in the nursing profession.

"Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life will prove a serious loss to the community.

"Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved family of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, also to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and the *Trained Nurse*.

"BERKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES,

"READING HOSPITAL ALUMNAE,

"ELLA R. SNYDER,

"MARY E. DOUGHERTY,

"Committee."

It was with deep regret that the Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training-School for Nurses of Brooklyn, N. Y., learned of the death of Miss E. Margaret Pritchard, which occurred at the German Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., December 19, 1903, of typhoid fever.

Miss Pritchard was graduated from the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, in 1899 with high honors. The following year she received the appointment of supervisor of nurses of the German Hospital, which position she held at the time of her death. She was thoroughly devoted to her work, and being a young woman of unusually high ideals, spared no effort to make her work successful.

At the last meeting of the Alumnae Association the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That we, as an association, feel that in the death of Miss Pritchard we have lost a loved friend, and the profession a most conscientious and able worker.

"Resolved, That we, the members of the association, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and to the *Trained Nurse*.

"MARY E. ELLIS,

"DOROTHY KIRKPATRICK,

"EMMA C. MILLER."

At the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital, February 1, 1904, Mrs. Mary Clark Long, of the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital Training-School, Class of 1893.